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SUMMARY. AT NOVEMBER 22 MEETING, COEC CONSIDERED AN FRG AMENDMENT TO THE DRAFT REPORT ON MACHINERY FOR POLITICO-MILITARY ASSESSMENTS. COEC DID NOT APPROVE THE FRG MODIFICATIONS AND, IF NECESSARY, CHAIRMAN INTENDS TO SEND THE DOCUMENTS TO NAC WITHOUT GERMAN CONFIRMATION. DURING DISCUSSION ON PLANNING FOR HILEX 7, THE NETHERLANDS REP PROPOSED THREE MODIFICATIONS WHICH MISSION CONSIDERS ACCEPTABLE. CONCERNING THE TIME-FRAM FOR HILEX 7, A CONSENSUS DEVELOPED IN FAVOR OF 29 MARCH-2 APRIL 1976. UNDER ANY SECRET

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OTHER BUSINESS, CHAIRMAN INFORMED COEC OF FOLLOW-UP ACTION TO HIEX 6 AND PLANS UNDERWAY TO FORM AN AD HOC WORKING GROUP TO STUDY THE POSSIBLE USE OF WARNING TIME. COEC NOTED THE PROCEDURES AND SYSTEM OF PRECEDENCES FOR

THE PILOT SECURE VOICE PROJECT AT NATO HQ AND AGREED TO REVIEW THE PREEMPTION AUTHORITY ASSIGNMENTS WHEN THE NATO-WIDE PILOT SECURE VOICE PROJECT NEARS COMPLETION. DURING DISCUSSION ON WINTEX 75, CHAIRMAN INFORMED COEC OF THE DTG FOR THE FIRST WHISKEY/ROMEO NUCLEAR RELEASE MESSAGES. ACTION REQUIRED/ WASHINGTON GUIDANCE ON THE NETHERLANDS PROPOSALS AND ON THE ACCEPTABILITY OF 29 MARCH TO 2 APRIL 1976 FOR EXERCISE HILEX 7. END OF SUMMARY.

1. COEC CONSIDERED FRG AMENDMENT TO THE FINAL REPORT TO THE COUNCIL ON THE ARRANGEMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE PRODUCTIONS OF POLITICO-MILITARY ASSESSMENTS IN TIMES OF CRISIS AND TENSION, C-M(74)52. DRAWING ON REF A, US REP (O'SULLIVAN) DID NOT SUPPORT FRG AMENDMENT AND, AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSIONS, A CONSENSUS DEVELOPED IN FAVOR OF THE EXISTING TEXT OF PARA 14. COEC CHAIRMAN (MAC BRIEN) COMMENTED ON THE LATENESS OF THE REPORT AND REQUESTED FRG REP (VIETINGHOFF) TO QUOTE DISCUSS THIS ISSUE AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL AND, IF CLEARANCE WAS NOT RECEIVED IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE, THE DOCUMENT WOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE NAC WITH GERMAN CONFIRMATION OUTSTANDING. END QUOTE. MISSION HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE CHAIRMAN'S PROPOSAL AND, UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE, WILL APPROVE THIS ACTION, IF REQUIRED.

2. COEC THEN TURNED TO THE PRELIMINARY PROPOSALS TO THE DPC FOR THE CONDUCT OF EXERCISE HILEX 7(AC/237-WP/95). THE NETHERLANDS REP (HOFMAN) RECOMMENDED THREE MODIFICATIONS TO THE DOCUMENT:

(A) TO ALLOW FOR A MORE FLEXIBLE HILEX 7 SCENARIO, HE REQUESTED THAT LAST SENTENCE OF PARA 3 BE CHANGED TO READ QUOTE THE STATE OF MILITARY VIGILANCE AND ESCALATE FROM THERE UNQUOTE;

(B) RATHER THAN CONFINE THE EXERCISE TO A SPECIFIC GEOGRAPHICAL REGION, HE REQUESTED THAT LAST TWO WORDS IN PARA 4 BE CHANGED TO READ QUOTE NORTHERN PART OF TREATY AREA UNQUOTE;

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(C) ADDRESSING PARA 9, NETHERLANDS REP RECOMMENDED THAT COEC, TOGETHER WITH MEMBERS OF IS/IMS, IDENTIFY PROBLEM AREAS WHICH SHOULD BE EXERCISED IN HILEX 7. THESE PROPOSALS COULD THEN BE USED AS A GUIDE BY THE HIGH LEVEL EXERCISE PLANNING GROUP IN DEVELOPING DETAILED EXERCISE ARRANGEMENTS. MISSION CONSIDERS THESE PROPOSALS AS ACCEPTABLE. ALTHOUGH A FEW COEC REPS WERE WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING A SPECIFIC TIME FRAME FOR EXERCISE HILEX 7 (PARA 9), A CONSENSUS DEVELOPED IN FAVOR OF 29 MARCH TO 2 APRIL 1976. ACTION REQUIRED. REQUEST WASHINGTON COMMENTS ON THE NETHERLANDS PROPOSALS AND ON THE ACCEPTABILITY OF 29 MARCH TO 2 APRIL 1976 FOR EXERCISE HILEX 7.

3. UNDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS, CHAIRMAN INFORMED COEC OF FOLLOW-UP ACTION TO EXERCISE HILEX 6. QUOTE. THE IMS AND THE MILITARY COMMITTEE HAVE TAKEN IN HAND THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE DPC REPORT ON HILEX 6 WHICH FALL IN THE MILITARY FIELD. AS REGARDS THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE CIVIL FIELD, I MAY SAY, FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COMMITTEE, THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAS ALLOTTED RESPONSIBILITY FOR FOLLOWING THEM UP TO THE APPROPRIATE ELEMENTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF. THESE ARE: (A) THE POLITICAL DIVISION HAS BEEN TASKED WITH FOLLOWING-UP THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF ALLIANCE POLICY ON PUBLIC RELATIONS IN TIMES OF EMERGENCY. I BELIEVE THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE WILL BE HAVING A FIRST DISCUSSION ON THIS TOPIC IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

(B) THE DEFENCE PLANNING AND POLICY DIVISION HAS BEEN TASKED WITH THE POSSIBLE FORMALIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ALERT SYSTEM. IT HAS ALSO BEEN ASKED TO LOOK INTO THE POSSIBLE USE IN TIMES OF CRISIS OF THE EXPERTISE AVAILABLE TO THE OECD.

(C) THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT AND THE ADMINISTRATION HAVE BEEN GIVEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXAMINING THE VEXED QUESTION OF MESSAGE HANDLING INSIDE THE HEADQUARTERS.

(D) MY OFFICE HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH FOLLOWING-UP THE COMMENTS IN THE REPORT ON FUTURE EXERCISES. END OF QUOTE. THE CHAIRMAN ALSO COMMENTED ON THE PLANS UNDERWAY TO FORM AN AD HOC WORKING GROUP TO STUDY THE POSSIBLE USE OF WARNING TIME (REF D REFERS). QUOTE. YOU WILL RECALL THAT IN THE DPC DISCUSSION ON 23RD OCTOBER IT WAS AGREED TO ESTABLISH
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A JOINT CIVIL-MILITARY WORKING GROUP TO STUDY THE POSSIBLE USE WHICH MIGHT BE MADE OF WARNING TIME. I SHALL BE MEETING NEXT WEEK WITH THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL FOR DEFENCE PLANNING AND POLICY AND THE DIRECTOR, IMS, IN ORDER TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THIS STUDY GROUP. END OF QUOTE.

4. COEC DISCUSSED PILOT SECURE VOICE PROJECT PROCEDURES FOR NATO HQ (AC/237-D/133). DRAWING FROM REF C, US REP SAID THAT THE PREEMPTION AUTHORITY ASSIGNMENTS SHOULD BE REVIEWED WHEN THE NATO-WIDE PILOT SECURE VOICE PROJECT NEARS COMPLETION TO ENSURE THAT THE PROCEDURES FOR NATO HQ ARE COMPATIBLE WITH THE NATO-WIDE PROCEDURES WHEN ADOPTED. COEC AGREED TO THIS PROPOSAL. DIRECTOR IMS (MG GARDNER) PROPOSED FOLLOWING TWO MODIFICATIONS TO ANNEX OF AC/237-D/133, PARA 2:

(A) CHANGE CHAIRMAN, MILITARY COMMITTEE TO READ CHAIRMAN (OR DEPUTY CHAIRMAN), MILITARY COMMITTEE- CATEGORY P1;

(B) INSERT IN CATEGORY P2 (IMMEDIATE) DIRECTOR, IMS WHEN IN THE SITUATION CENTRE DURING PERIODS OF CRISIS/ TENSION AND DURING EXERCISES.

COEC APPROVED BOTH MODIFICATIONS AND NOTED THE OPERATING

PROCEDURES AND SYSTEM OF PRECEDENCES FOR SECURE VOICE
TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBERS AT NATO HQ.

5. COEC THEN TURNED TO DRAFT ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF THE DPC IN EXERCISE WINTEX 75 (AC/237-WP/96). CHAIRMAN INFORMED COEC THAT THE FIRST NUCLEAR RELEASE WARNING MESSAGE (WHISKEY) WILL BE SENT TO NATO AT 091300Z MARCH AND THE FIRST NUCLEAR RELEASE REQUEST (ROMEO) AT 100800Z MARCH 1975. DRAWING ON REF B, US REP REQUESTED THAT PARA 9, LINE 9, BE CHANGED TO READ QUOTE WILL TRANSMIT NATIONAL VIEWS TO THE END QUOTE. COEC APPROVED US MODIFICATION AND AGREED TO DISCUSS FURTHER AC/237-WP/96 AT A COEC MEETING IN EARLY DECEMBER.
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